

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 368  
By McLeary

A RESOLUTION to commend John and Sallie Werthing for their honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, John and Sallie Werthing are two such noteworthy individuals, having provided inestimable service to the people of Jackson in various capacities for almost 50 years; and

WHEREAS, highly respected members of the Jackson community, Mr. and Mrs. Werthing are both graduates of Lane College; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Werthing has been a committed educator for over 40 years, teaching Mathematics, Chemistry, Physics, and Biology; before returning, he also served as Principal at Northeast Middle School, Washington Douglass Elementary School, Merry Junior High School, and Parkway Junior High School; and

WHEREAS, an extremely devoted public servant whose work is not limited to the classroom, Mr. Werthing is a well-respected leader with the NAACP, 100 Black Men of West Tennessee, the Board of Directors of the Boys and Girls Club of Jackson, the Jackson Madison

County Airport Authority, the Jackson Rotary Club, and the Community Housing Relations Board; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades and honors, Mr. Werthing has received several awards for his dedication to education and public service, including Outstanding Middle School Principal of West Tennessee, Tennessee Alpha Man of the Year, the NAFEO Distinguished Alumni Award, and the Scroll of Achievement from Lane College; he is also a past local and national president of the Lane College National Alumni Association and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Werthing, the former Sallie Russell, taught in the Jackson-Madison County School System for 45 years of laudable service; she is a past President of the Jackson, Tennessee Chapter of the Links, Inc. and of the Gamma Alpha Omega Chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., a member of the Women's Advisory Board of Regional Hospital, the NAACP, Lane College National Alumni Association, Jackson Alumni Chapter, and the Jackson-Madison County Historical Zoning Commission; she also gives generously of her time to volunteer with the Regional Hospital and is President of her local AARP Chapter; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Werthing are both spiritually devoted individuals; both are members of Macedonia Baptist Church, where Mrs. Werthing is also Chair of the Day Care Center Board and a member of the Ministers and Deacons Wives Organization; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Werthing's remarkable success as public servants and civic leaders is directly attributable to their reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and their uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, the Werthings are wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Mr. John Werthing and Mrs. Sallie Werthing for their

honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee and salute their unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.